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Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for taking the time to discuss the Office Communication dated November 10, 2003 for the above-identified application. In response to the November 10th Office Communication, Applicants hereby cancel the amended claims submitted with the Amendment and Response to Office Action dated October 8, 2003 and re-submit them as new claims 71-77. Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.